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B. Committee on Shang-hai Workers' Welfare

This joint group was organized in June 1946. After the Japanese surrender, the closing of factories and the Communist fomenting of discontent led intelligent persons in both labor and management circles to feel that some remedy must be found. The place to begin was workers' welfare. For if such projects could be expanded, labor would be more content and Communists would find it hard to stir up economic discontent and class strife. About this time Lu Ching-shih and others organized a workers' welfare committee to plan for the aforesaid objectives. In this joint group are representatives of the labor movement, the mercantile class, officialdom, and other citizens interested in labor problems.

The original aim of this committee was to promote workers' welfare. But the period was so full of labor unrest that its chief energy had to be spent helping the authorities to settle disputes, and advising the labor unions on their problems. Consequently, actual welfare work fell far short of the ideal and was limited to a few projects. Under the government's labor policy, labor conditions in Shang-hai have improved, and industry has somewhat prospered. From now on, the committee can take more positive measures in behalf of the workers, and effect better living conditions and sounder public order.

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